

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

PLEASE REFER TO THE GENERAL FAQs SECTION OF ARPA-E'S WEBSITE ([HTTP://ARPA-E.ENERGY.GOV/?Q=FAQ/GENERAL-QUESTIONS](http://arpa-e.energy.gov/?Q=FAQ/GENERAL-QUESTIONS)) FOR ANSWERS TO MANY GENERAL QUESTIONS ABOUT ARPA-E AND ARPA-E'S FUNDING OPPORTUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS. ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS SPECIFIC TO THIS FOA ONLY ARE INCLUDED BELOW. PLEASE REVIEW ALL EXISTING GENERAL FAQs AND FOA-SPECIFIC QUESTIONS BEFORE SUBMITTING NEW QUESTIONS TO ARPA-E.

### I. Concept Paper Phase Questions:

#### Q1. WHEN DO YOU EXPECT AO?

**ANSWER:** Final selections are expected to be made in the October 2022 timeframe. Please refer to the table on page 1 of the DE-FOA-0002692 CURIE Funding Opportunity Announcement for this and other relevant information.

#### Q2. I WOULD LIKE TO SEND FURTHER QUESTIONS.

**ANSWER:** Please refer to the DE-FOA-0002691 Curie Funding Opportunity Announcement section VII. Agency Contacts.

#### Q3. I HAVE A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS ABOUT CURIE.

- 1) CAN NATIONAL LABS LEAD? OR DOES IT HAVE TO BE UNIVERSITY OR INDUSTRY AS LEAD?
- 2) DOES ONE HAVE TO PICK A PARTNER FROM [HTTPS://ARPA-E-FOA.ENERGY.GOV/TEAMINGPARTNERS.ASPX](https://arpa-e.energy.gov/teamingpartners.aspx)?
- 3) WHAT IS THE COST SHARE FOR AN INDUSTRY PARTNER?

**ANSWER:** 1) Please refer to the general question 2.21 of the ARPA-E FAQ page located at <https://arpa-e.energy.gov/faqs/general-questions>.

2) Please refer to general question 6.20 on the FAQ page referenced above.

3) Please refer to the DE-FOA-0002692 CURIE Funding Opportunity Announcement, Section II.B, "Cost Sharing," and please also refer to general question section 4 on the FAQ page referenced above.

#### Q4. IS TESTING OF UNF REQUIRED FOR A SUCCESSFUL SUBMISSION?

**ANSWER:** Testing of actual UNF is not required for successful submission, though teams may propose such testing with UNF or appropriate surrogates. Please refer to the subsection "Scaled UNF Separation and Monitoring Testing" in Section D.1 of the DE-FOA-0002692 CURIE Funding Opportunity Announcement for more information.

**Q5. PAGE 32 OF THE FOA PDF (WHICH IS LABELED PAGE 28 AT THE TOP) STATES THAT A SCHEMATIC WITH "ALL MAJOR SYSTEM COMPONENTS IDENTIFIED" IS REQUIRED, AS WELL AS A TABLE TO BE FILLED OUT. IS THIS REQUIRED AS PART OF THE CONCEPT PAPER, OR ONLY AS PART OF THE FULL PROPOSAL?**

**ANSWER:** This information is required at the concept paper, as well as the full application stage. Applicants are required to answer this information "to the best of their ability" per the FOA language on page 32. Applicants do not have to provide this information in tabular form.

**Q6. USING THE 'COST ESTIMATOR WORKBOOK' IS DIFFICULT IF IMPOSSIBLE. AFTER MAKING A COUPLE ENTRIES, A POPUP WINDOW CONTINUED TO BE DISPLAYED ASKING FOR A PASSWORD. THIS HAPPENED EVERY 15-20 SECONDS, DISRUPTING ACTIVITY, MAKING IT IMPOSSIBLE TO MAKE ENTRIES ON THE WORKSHEET.**

**ANSWER:** Some of the cells in the Summary, Aqueous Reprocessing Costs, and Pyro Reprocessing Costs tabs in the Cost Estimator Workbook have been locked and password-protected to preserve the workbook's functionality. The Introduction tab of the workbook provides information about which cells can be modified.

## **II. Full Applications Phase Questions:**

**Q7. I HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT THE COST SHARE REQUIREMENTS ON PAGE 36 OF THE FOA. I HAVE A PROJECT TEAM THAT INCLUDES (\*\*REDACTED\*\*). I AM CONSIDERING ADDING A LARGE BUSINESS TO THE PROJECT TEAM.**

**I RECOGNIZE THAT THE ADDITION OF A LARGE BUSINESS MEANS THAT I WILL NOT QUALIFY FOR THE 5 % COST SHARE.**

**THE LAST BULLET ON PAGE 36 READS:**

**"PROJECT TEAMS WHERE DOMESTIC EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, DOMESTIC NONPROFITS, SMALL BUSINESSES, AND/OR FFRDCS PERFORM GREATER THAN OR EQUAL TO 80% OF THE TOTAL WORK ... ARE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE AT LEAST 10% OF THE TOTAL PROJECT COST AS COST SHARE"**

**THE LIST DOES NOT INCLUDE NATIONAL LABS. DOES THIS IMPLY THAT IF I ADD A LARGE BUSINESS, THE REQUIREMENT IS THAT THE NATIONAL LAB + LARGE BUSINESS BUDGET MUST BE < 20 % IN ORDER TO QUALIFY FOR THE 10 % COST SHARE? OR IS THE OMISSION OF NATIONAL LABS FROM THIS BULLET POINT AN OVERSIGHT, SO THAT THE REQUIREMENT IS THAT I MUST KEEP ONLY THE LARGE BUSINESS BUDGET BELOW 20 %?**

**ANSWER:** ARPA-E may not provide pre-submission assessments on a project team's specific cost sharing requirement. Applicants should carefully review the cost sharing requirements for the specific FOA to which they intend to submit a Concept Paper or Full Application. Please refer to the DE-FOA-0002691 CURIE Funding Opportunity Announcement, Section II.B, "Cost Sharing,"

(including Section II.B.7) and please also refer to general question section 4 on the FAQ page referenced above. When reviewing Section II.B.7., [consider whether your proposed team member is a federal agency or instrumentality, or an FFRDC.](#)